PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND REQUEST FOR A STATE PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Chapter 2.68 of the Los Angeles County Code empowers the Chairman of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the Board of Supervisors is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors finds that beginning May 30, 2013, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons, public and private property arose as a result of the wild fires in the San Francisquito Canyon, Lake Hughes, Lake Elizabeth, and Green Valley areas, in Los Angeles County which have created conditions that are beyond the control of local resources; and

WHEREAS, these conditions warrant and necessitate that the County proclaim the existence of a local emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED by the Chairman of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors that a local emergency exists throughout Los Angeles County, and that if the Board does not take action to ratify this emergency proclamation within seven days of its issuance, it shall have no further force or effect;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of the County shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances, and resolutions of the County; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the Secretary of California Emergency Management Agency requesting that the Secretary find it acceptable in accordance with State law; that the Governor of California, pursuant to the Emergency Services Act, issue a proclamation declaring an emergency in Los Angeles County; that the Governor waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts; that recovery assistance be made available under the California Disaster Assistance Act; and that the State expedite access to Federal resources and any other appropriate federal disaster relief programs.

Date: June 3, 2013

MARK RIDLEY- THOMAS

Chairman, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors